

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Dee Brown, on April 10, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Dee Brown, Chair (R)  
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Sue Malek (D)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Nels Swandal (R)  
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)  
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Barbara Pietuch, Committee Secretary  
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SR 59, 4/7/2017

Executive Action: SR 59 - Be Adopted  
HB 599 - Be Concurred In

00:00:01 Chair Brown

00:00:46 Chair Brown turned the Chair over to Vice Chair Kary.

**HEARING ON SR 59**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:00 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SR 59, Confirm Governor's appointee to Public Employees' Retirement Board.

**EXHIBIT**(sts75a01)

00:01:19 Sen. Whitford entered the meeting.

00:02:24 Sen. Vance left the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:40 Dore Schwinden, executive director, Montana Public Employee Retirement Administration (MPERA)

00:03:47 Diane Fladmo, director, Research & Bargaining; coordinator, Retired Program, Montana Education Association - Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

00:04:02 Sen. Malek entered the meeting.

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:04:26 Sen. Brown

00:04:52 Sen. Brown resumed the role as Chair.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 59**

00:05:11 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **SR 59 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Sen. Vance voted by proxy. Sen. Osmundson was excused.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 599**

00:06:02 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **HB 599 BE CONCURRED IN**.

**Discussion:**

00:06:13 Chair Brown

00:06:20 Rachel Weiss, research analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:07:08 Chair Brown

00:07:34 Ms. Weiss, LSD

00:07:46 Chair Brown

00:07:58 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-2 by voice vote with Sen. Malek and Sen. Whitford voting no. Sen. Osmundson and Sen. Vance voted by proxy. Sen. Kary will carry the bill.

**Committee Business:**

00:09:00 Chair Brown

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:10 PM

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Barbara Pietuch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([sts75aad.pdf](#))